(d) the time by which the compensation is likely to be paid to all such persons?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) to (d). Smt. Bhajan Kaur, whose husband had lost his life during the 1984 Delhi riots, had filed a writ petition in the High Court of Delhi seeking enhancement of the amount of compensation of Rs. 20,000/- awarded to her on account of the death of her husband. The judgement in this case was delivered on July 5, 1996. The High Court observed that the amount of compensation was highly inadequate. The High Court was of the opinion that the petitioner should have been paid at least a sum of Rs. 2.00 lakhs as compensation. Since the petitioner had already been paid a sum of Rs. 20,000/-, the respondent was directed to pay a sum of Rs. 1,80,000/- to the petitioner with interest, which was quantified at Rs. 1.50 lakhs. This payment of Rs. 3.30 lakhs was required to be made to the petitioner within one month.

2. The High Court further ordered that this direction to pay enhanced compensation would be applicable to similar cases in order to secure parity and to alleviate the sufferings of the families of the victims who had lost their lives during the 1984 Delhi riots. The High Court accordingly directed that the widows and families of such victims be paid a sum of Rs. 3.50 lakhs (Rs. 2.00 lakhs with interest quantified at Rs. 1.50 lakhs) after adjusting the amount, if any, paid to them as exgratia grant or compensation. The High Court further directed the State to constitute a Committee to disburse the amount of compensation quantified as above after their proper identification. This exercise is required to be completed within a period of four months.

3. In pursuance of the aforesaid directions of the High Court, the Government of NCT of Delhi has already paid a sum of Rs. 3.30 lakhs to Smt. Bhajan Kaur. The Government of NCT of Delhi has also constituted a Committee under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, Delhi for scrutiny of other similar cases as per directions of the High Court.

World Bank mtAssistance

*374. SHRI E. AHAMED : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank has been providing assistance for the development of shrimp and fish culture project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States in which this project is going on with the World Bank assistance; and

(d) the total amount of assistance received from the World Bank during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b). The World Bank is assisting a Shrimp and Fish Culture Project (CR 2329-IN) which became credit effective on 28-5-1992 for a period of seven years at a total estimated cost of Rs. 283.63 crores (equivalent to US $ 95 million at the then prevailing rates) of which, 90% is made available as International Development Association (IDA) loan and the remaining 10% is to be shared among the Centre/Participating States and beneficiaries. The main objective is to increase the shrimp and fish production in the participating States which in turn would improve the economic and social welfare of fisherfolk and fish farmers who constitute some of the poorest sections of the community. The project would also result in utilisation of poor quality land and in increasing foreign exchange earnings. The Project comprises : (i) a Brackishwater Shrimp Component; and (ii) an Inland Fisheries Component.

(c) The Project is being implemented in five States, namely , Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, West Bengal, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. While the fish culture component is being implemented in all the five States, the shrimp culture component is under implementation only in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal.

(d) The total amount of funds received from the World Bank under this Project during each of the last three years is as follows :

Year	Assistance received from World Bank	
	US $ (Mill)	Rupees (in crores)
1993-94	1.409	4.41
1994-95	1.002	3.15
1995-96	2.728	9.49
Total	5.139	17.05

Travelling Concessions to Mentally Retarded Persons

*375. SHRI PAWAN DIWAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the fare concessions are given to the mentally retarded persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to extend such concession for second class A.C. tier also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) and (b). Mentally Retarded persons with an escort are granted 75% concession in First, Second and Sleeper Class fares. The escort is also granted the same concession. Concession tickets are issued by Station Masters on production of a copy of the prescribed certificate from a Government Doctor.

(c) and (d). These persons alongwith their escorts are eligible to travel in A.C. 2-tier Sleeper Class on

payment of the concessional fare of First Class plus the difference of actual fares of the two classes. There is no proposal to extend the concession to the A.C. 2-tier class.

[Translation]

Rehabilitation of Tribals

*376. SHRI HANSRAJ AHIR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether due to announcement of setting up of a national park or sanctuary, the tribals are compelled to move to other places as no developmental activity is allowed in such forest areas;

(b) if so, the number of tribals displaced from the declared national parks and sanctuaries; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for rehabilitation of the displaced tribals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) Relocation of tribals from a National Park or a Sanctuary is done when there is a general agreement between the tribals and the Government on the issue. However, commercial development is not allowed in National Parks and Sanctuaries.

(b) and (c). The Government of India has launched a Centrally Sponsored 'Beneficiary Oriented Scheme for Tribal Development' wherein 100% financial assistance is provided to the State Government for the rehabilitation of tribal families. During VIII Plan, financial support to the tune of Rs. 1.30 crore to six States has been provided under the Scheme. 188 tribal families have been rehabilitated while the process is on going for 235 families.

[English]

Drought Prone Areas of Orissa

*377. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS :
SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the drought and starvation situation has been witnessed in Orissa during the last several years;

(b) if so, the names of districts mostly affected and the estimated loss suffered therein during the last three years;

(c) whether the Union Government authorities ever visited the affected areas of the State to make an assessment of drought and starvation situation;

(d) if so, the scheme formulated to find out permanent solution of this problem in the State; and,

(e) the assistance provided by the Government to implement such schemes during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (e). According to the State Government drought and starvation situation have not been witnessed in Orissa during the last few years. In the context of the problems of poverty in Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput districts, now reorganized into Kalahandi, Naupada, Bolangir, Sonepur, Koraput, Malkangiri, Nowrangpur and Rayagada, Central Teams have visited Orissa from time to time since 1993. The Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) is being implemented in 47 blocks of 5 districts for achieving a permanent solution to the problems of drought. The Central Government has provided assistance to Orissa in the years 1994-95 and 1995-96 for DPAP amounting to Rs. 516.50 lakhs and Rs. 403.85 lakhs respectively. In addition, the Central Government has provided large amounts for poverty alieviation programmes such as Integrated Rural Development Programme, Jawahar Rozgar Yojna/ Employment Assurance Scheme and for agricultural development programme including the National Watershed Development Project. A Long Term Action Plan for the (undivided) districts of Kalahandi, Bolangir, and Koraput has also been prepared and is under implementation with the major objectives of drought and distress proofing.

[Translation]

Railway Zones

*378. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Zones and Divisions into which the railways network of the country is divided at present and the criteria for this division;

(b) whether there has been resentment at some places due to the creation of new Zones;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether earlier any Committee was constituted by the Government for creation of the new Zones;

(e) if so, the recommendations of the said Committee;

(f) whether the area-limit has been fixed for the new Zones proposed to be created in Rajasthan;

(g) if so, the details thereof;

(h) the criteria for the selection of Headquarters of the proposed Zone;

(i) whether the Government had received representations for setting up of the Zonal Headquarters at Ajmer and other places; and

(j) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?